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**From:** Merritt, Steven  
**Sent:** Thur 9/24/2015 4:46:33 PM  
**Subject:** FW: GKM Long Term Plan and Funding

Laura,

This discussion appears relevant to how much of the \$1.4M in FY14 funding we obligate and or how we approach the monitoring plan joint funding piece. I will call in a few so you can ponder the message below.

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**From:** Garcia, Bert  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 8:44 AM  
**To:** Wall, Tom; Spence, Sandra  
**Cc:** Evans, David; Ostrander, David; Merritt, Steven  
**Subject:** RE: GKM Long Term Plan and Funding

Do we have the people, authority, and funds to proceed? It appears so, based on discussions with the R8 removal program.

Is there broad agency support for moving quickly? Not so sure now.

Bert Garcia

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**From:** Wall, Tom  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 8:11 AM  
**To:** Garcia, Bert; Spence, Sandra  
**Cc:** Evans, David  
**Subject:** FW: GKM Long Term Plan and Funding  
**Importance:** High

Are these funding uncertainties limiting your ability to prepare for upper animas sampling ASAP?

**From:** Tulis, Dana  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 24, 2015 9:54 AM  
**To:** Spence, Sandra; Wall, Tom; Card, Joan; Garcia, Bert; Ostrander, David; Merritt, Steven; Wall, Tom; Pierce, Maggie; Hermann, Karl  
**Cc:** Barry, Michael; Cheatham, Reggie  
**Subject:** FW: GKM Long Term Plan and Funding

Hi folks, see below, to add to our comments to address. FYI, we are also working with OW to contribute some funds at the AA level, thanks all.

**From:** Coleman, Sam

**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 1:39 PM  
**To:** Cheatham, Reggie; Tulis, Dana  
**Subject:** Fwd: GKM Long Term Plan and Funding

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Begin forwarded message:

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**Subject:** GKM Long Term Plan and Funding

I have very grave concerns about the prospect of both limiting the "Long Term" Monitoring plan to one year without any response to comments and a thoroughly vetted scientific discussion of the merits. Doing so is not consistent with past Agency decisions in either SF or Water. I am not advocating for a specific timeframe, but the consideration of a timeline beyond one year should be discussed. Additionally, the prospect of using only CERCLA funds for this work need to be thought through, given a number of potentially less than desirable consequences that might occur. Specifically, will this decision impact the decision to list the site on the NPL, and subsequently establish site boundaries that extend into NM and beyond; also the decision on ending sampling could be greatly complicated by the CERCLA process should any reoccurrence of metals or other constituents occur as a result of rain events or other causes (not related to the Aug event). Finally, consideration of programmatic and funding flexibilities should be discussed before we advance any recommendation to the Administrator.

I available to discuss if necessary.

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